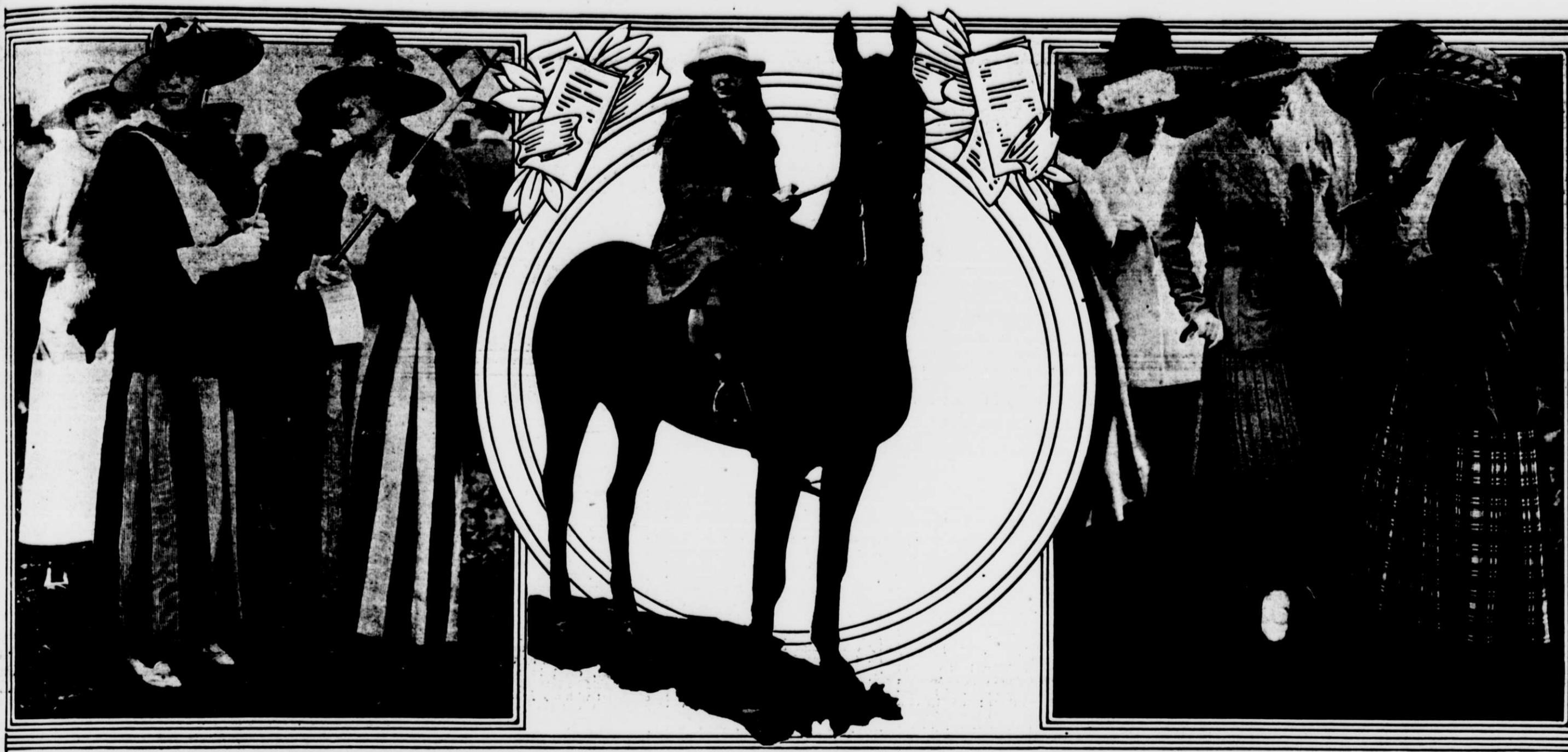


# AT THE RACE MEET ON HARRY PAYNE WHITNEY'S ESTATE



FIRST SPRING GATHERING OF THE MEADOW BROOK STEEPLECHASE ASSOCIATION.

Miss Edith Mortimer (left) and Mrs. Sydney S. Breese.

Miss Flora Whitney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, on her favorite pony.

Left to right—Miss Mary Canfield, Miss Leonie Burrill and Miss Claire Bird.

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## WHAT THE COLLEGE GIRL CAN DO IN VACATION TIME

Many Ways by Which the Ambitious Ones Can Bridge the Period Between Tuition Checks

FROM Herodotus to baby tending; from the study of Greek to cooking kitchentime dinners for business women, is the prospective regime of the thrifty college student during the next few months, for summer is the bugaboo of the girl trying to make both ends meet. To bridge the gap between tuition checks is therefore the aim of the undergraduate just now, and so it is that the erstwhile disciple of the classics may be found marketing for women of leisure or darning socks for busy men and glad of the job.

For what with the war abroad and the financial stress at home, the odd job for the summer college girl isn't easy to find, so, if she can act as extra saleslady in a department store or as super in the movies she will jump at the chance. To be sure, it seems as though there is not the variety of opportunity open to the women students there is to the men, such, for example, as is found in blood transfusion, for which service anywhere from \$25 to \$75 is paid, according to the case, but there are other ways much more pleasing to the feminine mind, if less remunerative.

At least once a fortnight there comes a hospital call for a man to perform this good turn to a patient, and it is looked upon in the light of a windfall for the student "lucky" enough to be chosen for the operation. And then there are other interesting masculine ways of earning money, such as teaching logic to a pretty girl. At the conclusion of such a course last season the lovely coed turned an illuminating smile upon her coach, accompanied by the bewildering query: "And am I logical now?" To a conscientious teacher this might have been somewhat disheartening, but circumstances alter cases.

Some nice lines of work, however, await the enterprising college girl, although initiative, according to Miss Mary Canfield, in charge of the Bureau of Summer Occupations for Teachers College girls, strange to say, is a trait that seems to be lacking in the girl who elects teaching as a profession.

"I say strange," went on Miss Canfield in explanation, "but when one looks at the question frankly it isn't really strange at all, for of all professions it is the most cut and dried. Everything is carved out for the girl, prospectus as well as position, so that so far as real initiative is concerned there is little call to develop it. And yet that is what is most needed for success in the business world."

As an indication of the opportunities open to the girl with initiative, Miss Canfield cited the case of a domestic science student at Teachers College who for several years has taken full charge of the dining room of a summer hotel on the New Jersey coast. She takes a crew of fifteen domestic science students with her, employing them outside help whatever, and makes a good thing of it.

"One of our girls will do cooperative marketing for a group of families on the drive this summer," says Miss Canfield, "and a group of domestic arts students have gotten together to solicit sewing. The charges are from twenty-five to fifty cents an hour, according to the difficulty of the job. 'Serving kitchentime dinners to women in apartment houses has developed into a real business. A number of busy women will meet together in the dining apartment of one of the number while a college student cooks and serves the dinner."

"For some reason there seems to be a distaste of tutoring, but it is a very remunerative summer occupation. Usually a girl engages for the summer and lives with the family, frequently acting as companion. The work is often very congenial and the salary varies from \$40 to \$100 a month. A Columbia student has just been engaged to act as companion and tutor to a ten-year-old boy, the son of a wealthy New Yorker, at a salary of \$160 a month; and his duties include the not very arduous one of visiting the Panama-Pacific Exposition during the summer."

"Addressing envelopes is a part time employment for which there is more or less demand, both in and out of the university, for which girls are paid from 30 to 50 cents an hour," says Paul C. Holter, head of the Columbia vocational bureau. "Sometimes women in town send for them to direct wedding invitations, cards for receptions or business announcements."

"Almost always the summer camps have their own following and plenty of girls can be found who are willing to go for a very small sum or for no salary at all. Where formerly the field paid from \$75 to \$100 a month, now it is a matter of commission largely, the girl securing the largest number of new recruits being chosen as camp councillor."

"Since household arts have supplanted the more prosaic occupations for women stenography has fallen into disfavor, though the field is a fertile one. A girl can command from \$12 to \$18 at the start and yet difficulty is experienced in finding expert shorthand writers. From three wealthy persons on Long Island I have called each summer to supply them with expert stenographers and though they are willing to pay well for the right sort I have difficulty in filling the positions. One girl is making \$40 a week taking dictation from the university, and this is outside her other work."

"Some girls act as cashiers or extra saleswomen in department stores, while others join stock companies or take part in the movies. A girl who loves children can get a position as mother's helper, and the position has its advantages the same as with the private secretary, though the satisfaction depends more or less upon the personal equation."

To dispel the prevailing notion that the position of social secretary is easy to get and a sinecure when landed Miss Frances Cummings, manager of the Intercollegiate Bureau of Occupations, feels it her duty to give the widest publicity to the fact that for private secretaries there is no demand whatsoever.

"I am besieged by girls from all over the country who wish to register for social secretariats," says Miss Cummings. "The prospect lures them on each season and it is my fate to have to dispel the illusion."

"It is very seldom there is a demand for a social secretary, for the reason

that women of society usually fill them from the ranks of their acquaintances or by some one personally known to them. An expert knowledge of stenography is necessary, and above all the social secretary must be well versed in all forms of social observances. Lastly the work is precarious, for the reason that few women take their secretaries with them to the country."

"Now a business secretariatship is a vastly different thing. This, combined with a knowledge of the technical demands of some profession, puts a girl in a position to command a salary ranging from \$1,200 up to \$5,000. Fully 66 per cent. of the employers want college girls. That is,

they want them if equipped with the professional knowledge. The college degree is by no means a substitute for technical training.

"Another bubble that should be pricked is the fond illusion that travelling companions are in great demand. Now this is as curious an obsession as that regarding the private secretariatship. Girls seem to believe that rich women are standing three rows deep demanding company on their travels. Quite the reverse is true. You see, women of means can always select any one of a dozen from their own immediate families to accompany them on their journeys about the country. Now and then we have an inquiry for a school chaperon or for some one to accompany a visitor in town to the shops or to see the sights, but a girl couldn't possibly support herself by it."

"A woman can sometimes get a position during the summer as agent to organize the work of institutions or to inaugurate a campaign to raise funds. Sometimes this is done on a commission basis and again it is a straight salaried position. For secretaries with technical training to assist doctors in their scientific research, lawyers in their field and to act as translators in the foreign departments of banks there is a good demand always and each year girls are specializing in some one of these various fields with gratifying results."

The trend of summer work, as all the year round, is toward specialization, and in this field Miss Mary Snow, the cheerful presiding genius of the vocational end of the intercollegiate bureau, is opening up new and untold fields daily. She has unearthed a perfect gold mine in the way of welcome and good prospects in the Health Department over which she is quite enthusiastic.

"It is perfectly delightful," says Miss Snow, who is an ardent suffragist, "to see the nice balance of feeling that exists in the Health Department as regards the employment of women. The interest seems about equally divided and there are many new and untold opportunities for women with a knowledge of technique in bacteriological work."

"Making out hospital records offers a fertile field for women. The work includes making a history of each patient, which is then filed and indexed according to a system. Bellevue Hospital is conducting a school for that purpose."

"Women are finding employment in the offices of pathologists in the hospitals and as anatomists in schools of medicine. If a girl can draw she adds materially to her value. The salary for this work is from \$900 to \$1,500. Drawing anatomical charts is one of the most valued of gifts for a woman to present if she wishes to be employed in any department of medicine."

"The advertising field is being entered by woman just because being largely the consumer she seems to know how to get the thing across to the public. Women's attention must be caught and men can't always do it; the women generally can."

"There is a varied field in library work. The banking houses of the financial district have splendidly equipped libraries which take the time of a trained librarian and a corps of assistants. Allied with the library are filing departments where letters are kept track of under subject heads. Such a filing room has all the dignity of a good library. The salary of a principal is about \$2,500, and that of assistants \$60 a month."

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## PLAYWRIGHTS TO TAKE PART IN THE LAMBS' GAMBOLE



WELL-KNOWN DRAMATISTS AND LIBRETTISTS WHO WILL APPEAR AT THE CENTURY THEATRE ON JUNE 4 AND 5. From left to right, back row—Mark Swan, E. E. Kilder, Edgar Smith and Edward Ellis. Seated—Glen MacDonough, C. T. Dazey, Augustus Thomas, Richard Harding Davis, Rupert Hughes, Avery Hopwood and Montague Glass. Those on the floor are Edward Peple, Brandon Tynan, Joseph Herbert, Edwin Milton Royle, Edward Paulton, George Hobart and Porter Emerson Brown.